

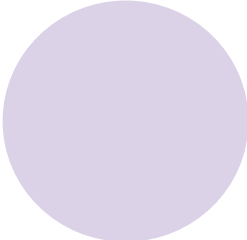


# Around the Ranch

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## Easy Ways to Help Alpha's Kids:

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- Save General Mills Box Tops—Scan Receipts with the Box Tops App! **SCHOOL ID: 217400** Each Box Top credits 10¢ to Alpha Christian School via the App. This helps purchase school curriculum.

## Celebrating the Life of Elizabeth Anne Snavely, Co-Founder



We want to share with you that Alpha's remaining co-founder, Mrs. Anne Snavely, passed away on July 1st. She was 86 years old.

Anne and her husband, Jack, founded the Alpha Christian Children's Home in 1972 where they served children in need of a safe place to go for 33 years until they retired. They understood from an early age the difficulties and tragedies that families and children can face, leaving them in need of a safe place to call home. With faith that God would provide, the Snavelys followed their hearts, and God's call upon their lives, into service as missionaries for children. They donated five acres of their own rural prop-

erty to get going, and God answered their initial prayers by miraculously providing a local builder who volunteered to help them build the original Alpha House residence. They continued to pray for every need over the next several decades and experienced God's amazing answers that often came in unexpected and miraculous ways.

Together, the Snavelys worked to create a lasting foundation of service for children. The ministry property eventually expanded to 171 acres of beautiful, country land, with additional

way that mattered, making them feel loved, safe, supported, and blessed. They were self-sacrificing, loving, and gave their all for the children in those earlier



[Pictured above in the 1980s are Jack & Anne Snavely, daughters Michelle (Kincaid) & Cheryl, and the three youngsters also raised by the Snavelys are twins Devin (Mulpas) & Darrell, and their brother, Patrick.]

years. Then in their more elderly years, they relished the role of becoming doting grandparents.

Jack passed away in 2013. Throughout her years as a widow, Anne remained active as Alpha's grandma and as a valued advisor on

Alpha's board of directors until the time of her death.

We celebrate the beauty of their legacy of love and faith that continues on at Alpha!



homes and an on-site private, Christian school for the children.

Jack and Anne were parents to Alpha's children in every

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# Celebrating the Kids



The kids made it through the mad dash to complete all their project entries for the county 4-H fair in July and competed July 29-Aug 1. They had a good variety of projects entered, and so many great ribbons won for their efforts! There were photos for photography; clothing for sewing construction, fashion review and savvy shopper competitions; electrical projects, woodworking projects, a LEGO building block engineering project, foods and cake decorating; visual arts projects, including hand built ceramics, drawings, paintings, fused glass, and sculptures; STEM rockets; and market & dairy goats for the livestock competitions.

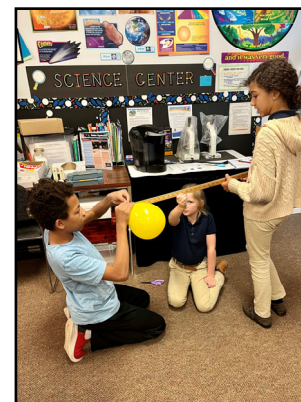
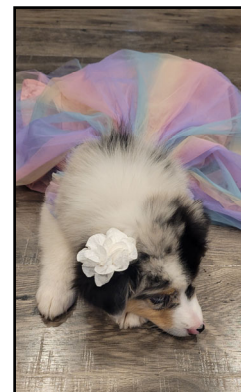
I asked for volunteers to pose with their absolute favorite projects for the year, whether it was something they were especially proud of, or something that they most enjoyed learning about and creating or doing. Elvis chose his electrical project for which he won a Purple Ribbon. Ava chose her LEGO "water park" construction project for which she won Overall

Grand Champion; this will go to the state fair in September. Nathan chose his book shelf woodworking project for which he won a Blue Ribbon. Emmie chose her crochet pot holder which earned a Red Ribbon; she is especially proud of this one because she worked so very hard on it, and learned a lot. Ariaah made a bat house for her woodworking project, and earned a Champion Ribbon. Mae earned a Purple Ribbon and state fair opportunity for her skirt and blouse constructed and worn to the fashion review. Several of their many other projects will be going to the Kansas State Fair in September. We are just so proud of the kids & the hard work they put into their 4-H activities, from



which they learn so many great life lessons.

This is how it goes when the girls get ahold of Nora, the adorable Aussie puppy, at the Faith House residence!



Jayden, Mrs. Sims' visiting grandson, Emmie, and Ariaah worked on an experiment in the science center together!



Julian came home to visit brother, Elvis, and the rest of the family for a week before fall semester at College of the Ozarks! These two have the best time together when he's here!!



# Difference Maker Needed For The Children's Learning Center As Mrs. Sims Approaches Retirement

By: Patricia Sims

Who would have thought that the same excitement of the FIRST first day of school for a five-year-old girl holding her daddy's hand could carry over 66 years later to her LAST first day of school holding onto her Heavenly Father's hand?

What a blessed journey it has been as God prepared me to be the Learning Center Supervisor at Alpha! He took that inner city girl from Kansas City, Kansas to Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota and Georgia, all in preparation for service to his most vulnerable little ones.

My ten years at Alpha have included moments of joy at seeing and feeling the hand of God working, as well as times of heartache from the loss of loved

ones, and seeing and feeling the heartbreak that God must feel seeing the circumstances that bring his little ones to us.

I will be retiring from teaching at Alpha's Learning Center after high school graduation in April 2025. My deepest thanks go to the many fellow laborers who have made this season of my life so rewarding by helping me plant the seeds that I trust God to nurture and guard to maturity. May the gifts of generosity, sacrifice, encouragement, friendship, and love that have filled these 10 years on "the prairie" be multiplied and returned to you.

\*\* Mrs. Sims has been the best teacher that Alpha has ever had!

***We are now prayerfully accepting resumes for a Christ-following educator to teach the***



"We are laborers together with God." I Corinthians 3:9

***children in our K-12 Learning Center, utilizing the Accelerated Christian Education curriculum and procedures that are already in place.*** We are hoping to find someone to step into this challenging role with confident enthusiasm, natural creativity, and outstanding reliability. If you know of anyone who might be a good fit for our students, reach out to them & get us connected!!

## Memorial Gifts & Gifts Given In Honor

### Given IN MEMORY Of:

#### Doralee Cross

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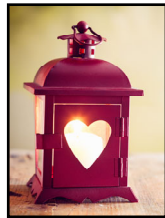
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### Mission Pantry Needs

- Butter, 2% Milk
- Fresh Fruits & Veggies
- Breakfast Cereals
- Shredded, Block, & Sliced Cheeses, String Cheese Sticks
- Snack Packs, Fruit Cups, Juice Boxes
- Snack Crackers
- Single Serving Packed School Lunch Items
- Canned & Dried Fruits
- Canned Chicken
- Chicken Broth
- Pasta Sauces
- White Vinegar & Apple Cider Vinegar
- Dishwasher Pods
- Kitchen Size Trash Bags & Contractor Size Clean-Up Trash Bags
- *Lens Cleaning Wipes*
- Native/Dove Deodorant
- Gold Bond Healing Lotion, Cerve Lotion
- Cantu Kids Curl Cream Shampoo & Conditioner
- Argon Oil of Morocco Hair Oil



### Special Needs

- Concrete Replacement Project Alpha House—\$2,500
- Deck Repairs & Painting at Alpha House—\$1,500
- Additional Bunk Beds Alpha House—\$11,275 Total
- Concrete Walkways at Faith House & Grace House—\$3K
- Small Tractor—\$15K

NOTE: If we should have any amount of funding left over from your support for a particular project, we will absolutely use it toward the many other needs of the children.

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